

RAIN BARREL PAINTING

SUPPLIES

RAIN BARREL	1 CAN OF PRIMER
WATER	(ZINSSER BULLSEYE 1-2-3 PRIMER FOR ALL SURFACES)
VINEGAR	2 CANS OF BASE COAT
RAG	(RUST-OLEUM 2X ULTRA COVER THAT BONDS TO PLASTIC)
DROP CLOTH	MULTI-SURFACE ACRYLIC PAINTS
BOARDS	2 CANS OF POLYURETHANE SEALER
	(RUST-OLEUM 2X ULTRA COVER CLEAR SEALER - MATTE OR GLOSSY FIN)

CLEAN

REMOVE ALL FITTINGS & HARDWARE, THEN THOROUGHLY CLEAN YOUR RAIN BARREL USING A 1:1 MIXTURE OF WATER & VINEGAR, LET DRY.

SAND

THIS STEP IS IMPORTANT IN ENSURING YOUR PAINT WILL PROPERLY ADHERE TO THE RAIN BARREL. USING A LOW-GRADE SANDPAPER, LIGHTLY SAND THE ENTIRE SURFACE.

CLEAN AGAIN

WIPE IT DOWN AGAIN TO REMOVE ANY PARTICLES OF DUST LEFT BEHIND AFTER THE SANDING, THEN ALLOW IT TO COMPLETELY DRY.

PRIMER

AFTER YOUR RAIN BARREL HAS COMPLETELY DRIED, LAY A DROP CLOTH DOWN AND THEN PLACE THE BARREL ON TOP OF A FEW BOARDS TO ELEVATE IT. SPRAY ON THE PRIMER ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S DIRECTIONS IN A WELL VENTILATED AREA (PREFERABLY OUTSIDE). ONE COAT WILL BE ENOUGH. ALLOW TO DRY AT LEAST 30 MINUTES.

BASE COAT

APPLY YOUR BASE COAT ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S DIRECTIONS BEING CAREFUL NOT TO CAUSE DRIPS BY APPLYING TOO MUCH AT ONCE. IT'S BEST TO APPLY ONE DECENT COAT, ALLOW THAT TO DRY FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES, AND THEN APPLY A SECOND COAT TO COMPLETE COVERAGE. AFTER THE SECOND COAT OF YOUR BASE COLOR IS COMPLETE, ALLOW THE RAIN BARREL TO DRY AT LEAST 30 MINUTES THEN MOVE IT INDOORS (INTO YOUR GARAGE IF YOU HAVE ONE) TO CURE FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.

ACRYLIC DECOR

NOW FOR THE FUN PART! DECORATE YOUR RAIN BARREL TO YOUR HEART'S DESIRE! THE MORE COLORS THE BETTER! AS WITH ALL PREVIOUS STEPS, TAKE YOUR TIME, ALLOW YOUR PAINT TO DRY PROPERLY IN BETWEEN APPLICATIONS, AND ENJOY THE PROCESS! IT'S A LOT OF WORK & TAKES SOME PATIENCE, BUT IT'S REALLY WORTH IT TO TAKE YOUR TIME IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE YOUR DESIGN LASTS.

SEALER

AFTER ALL OF THE TIME AND LOVE YOU PUT INTO THIS PROJECT, YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO MAKE SURE IT LASTS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE! FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S DIRECTIONS AND APPLY YOUR SEALER ONE COAT AT A TIME. TWO COATS WOULD PROBABLY SUFFICE, BUT PERSONALLY, I APPLIED 4 COATS (2 MATTE FINISH AND 2 GLOSSY FINISH) TO TRY TO FULLY SEAL MY RAIN BARREL. BE SURE TO ALLOW PROPER DRYING TIMES IN BETWEEN EACH COAT (AT LEAST 30 MINUTES) AND ONCE YOUR COATS ARE COMPLETE, ALLOW IT TO CURE AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE PLACING IT IN ITS NEW LOCATION OUTSIDE!